

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 have been objected to due to informalities. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's objections.

Claims 15 and 16 have been rejected. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 15 and 16.

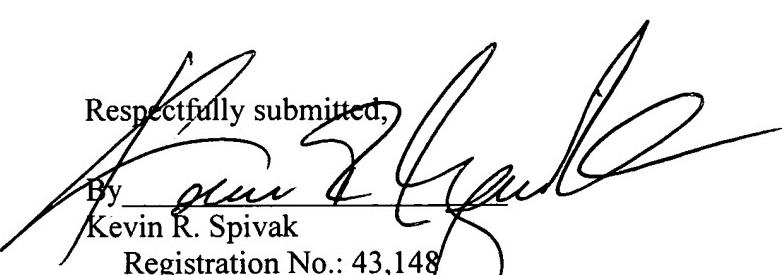
Claims 1-14 and 17 are allowable. Claims 1-14 and 17 having been rewritten to overcome the objections, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122059300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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